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SUBJ: VISITING U.S. BUSINESS DELEGATIONS

1. SEVERAL AMERICAN BUSINESS DELEGATIONS HAVE VISITED CAR THIS WEEK AT INVITATION OF GOCAR, WHICH MADE ALL INITIAL CONTACTS AND ARRANGEMENTS. MOST SEEM TO REPRESENT FIRMS INTERESTED IN BROKERING VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN CAR AND IN ARRANGING FINANCING THEREFOR.

2. FIRST MARYLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FMDC) OF U.S., U.K., AND PANAMA SIGNED OVERALL ACCORD MARCH 6 WITH GOCAR PROVIDING FOR GENERAL, LONG-TERM COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, TRANSPORT, AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS WITH SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO BE AGREED ON AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED AND WITH FMDC ARRANGING APPROPRIATE FINANCING. RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES APPARENTLY RUNS FULL GAMUT FROM SMALL AGRO-INDUSTRIES TO PERHAPS EVEN A RAILROAD, BUT INITIAL PROJECTS EVIDENTLY INCLUDE FMDC PARTICIPATION IN GOCAR CANNING FACTORY NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED AND IN GOCAR'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE-BUYING ORGANIZATION FOR EXPORT. DELEGATION LED BY FMDC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT LANDAU (AN ENGLISHMAN), WHO REPORTEDLY HAS CLOSE TIES (AS DOES FMDC ITSELF) WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MARYLAND.

3. MR. JAMES WASHINGTON OF CURRY-WASHINGTON, LIMITED, ENGINEERING/  
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MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS FROM NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON (MAYFLOWER

HOTEL, SUITE 880), IS HERE IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE PROJECT FOR SOFT DRINK BOTTLING PLANT, NEW HOTEL, CEMENT FACTORY, AND SMALL VEHICLE ASSEMBLY PLANT. HE IS SEEKING GOCAR AGREEMENT TO GO AHEAD ON THESE PROJECTS, FIRST TWO FOR WHICH HE CLAIMS TO HAVE PRIVATE FINANCING AVAILABLE AND LATTER TWO HE HAS APPARENTLY DISCUSSED WITH EXIM BANK.

4. CHARLES WILLIS OF INTERCONTINENTAL TRAVEL ALSO IN TOWN AT GOCAR INVITATION. WILLIS HAS NOT CONTACTED US AND WE HAVE NO INFO YET ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN WHICH HE MAY BE INVOLVED. APPARENTLY HE AND WASHINGTON WERE LINED UP INITIALLY BY CAR AMBASSADOR TO U.S. BANDA-BAFIOT, WHO IS CURRENTLY HERE WITH THEM IN BANGUI, AND LATER BY MINISTER OF PLAN MOKODORO DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO NEW YORK.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT ON ABOVE-NAMED FIRMS.  
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